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# Ernest Sound – Eastern Passage and Zimovia Strait NOAA Chart 17385

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### (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

The Onslow Islands, on the N side at the entrance to Ernest Sound, are five wooded islands and numerous small ones, the largest of which is **Onslow Island**, 3.5 miles long and about 350 feet high. The W shore of Onslow Island is indented with small bays filled with ledges and rocks. Small rocks and islets extend offshore 0.1 to 0.5 mile. An inlet about 0.5 mile long, opening from the S and extending E, is about 1.8 miles from Ernest

Point. It is unsurveyed, but it is reported that 8 feet can be carried through the narrow neck near high water, and that 4 fathoms, mud

bottom, are obtained within. Rocks awash and kelp are in the entrance, and tide rips extend off the point.

**Ernest Point** (55°51.1'N., 132°22.1'W.) is the southernmost point of Onslow Island and is the NW point to Ernest Sound. Foul ground extends for 0.5 mile SSE of the point.

**Onslow Point**, about 2.1 miles ESE of Ernest Point, consists of a large and small islet with a large bare rock to the SE; deep water is close SW of the point. Reefs and foul ground connect Onslow Point with **Eagle Island**, a large wooded island N of Onslow Point. The cove on the SE side of Eagle Island is foul. Tide rips form off Onslow Point.

**Muffin Islands** are a group of four small wooded islands about 0.4 mile E of Eagle Island. The channel between Eagle Island and Muffin Islands is clear. Reefs extend offshore about 0.6 mile to the N and NW of the Muffin Islands.

The SE and E shores of **Stone Islands**, about 0.6 mile N of Eagle Island, are foul; rocks extend offshore 0.2 to 0.5 mile. The small bight between the Stone Islands affords shelter for very small craft to the SE of the wooded island in the entrance. Anchorage may be obtained in 5 fathoms, mud bottom; the channels leading to it are tortuous. The cove in the N shore of the larger Stone Island is completely filled by flats. No freshwater was found here.

**Ernest Sound** is the large body of water that opens from Clarence Strait between Lemesurier Point and Onslow Point, with a width of about 4.5 miles between the points. Its general direction is NNE for about 25 miles to Point Warde; from this point, under the name of Bradfield Canal, it extends about 17 miles in a general E direction, with a width of about 1 mile. There are numerous small islands in the sound and two large ones, one on each side, about midway of its length.

From Ernest Sound two arms extend NNW and join N of the northernmost extremity of Wrangell Island near the mouth of Stikine River. The W arm is called Zimovia Strait. The S part of the E arm is called Blake Channel and the N part Eastern Passage. A passage to Wrangell through Ernest Sound, Blake Channel, and Eastern Passage is practicable and is used as an alternate route for ferries and other large vessels. Small craft use Zimovia Strait frequently.

**Currents.**—The currents in Ernest Sound follow the general direction of the channel. The flood current sets N with an average velocity of about 1.7 to 2.1 knots. The ebb current sets S with about the same average velocity. At the junction of Bradfield Canal and Blake Channel, the joining of the tidal currents cause swirls. (See the Tidal Current Tables for daily predictions.)

**Currents.**—The flood current enters Zimovia Strait from both the N and S ends and meets near Village Islands. The approximate velocity of the current is 1.6 knots. Between Woronkofski Island and Wrangell Island, the ebb sets S and out through Chichagof Pass with a velocity of about 1.7 knots and the flood sets N with a velocity of about 1.7 knots. (See the Tidal Current Tables for daily predictions.)

**Currents.**—In Blake Channel the flood current sets NNW with a velocity of about 2.2 to 3 knots, and meets the flood current from Eastern Passage in the vicinity of The Narrows. The ebb current sets in the opposite direction with a velocity of about 2.2 to 3 knots. In Eastern Passage NW of The Narrows, the flood current sets SE and the ebb sets NW with average velocities of about 1.8 knots. The first and last of the ebb is backed into Eastern Passage by the current from the Stikine River. (See the Tidal Current Tables for daily predictions.)

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Juneau, Alaska



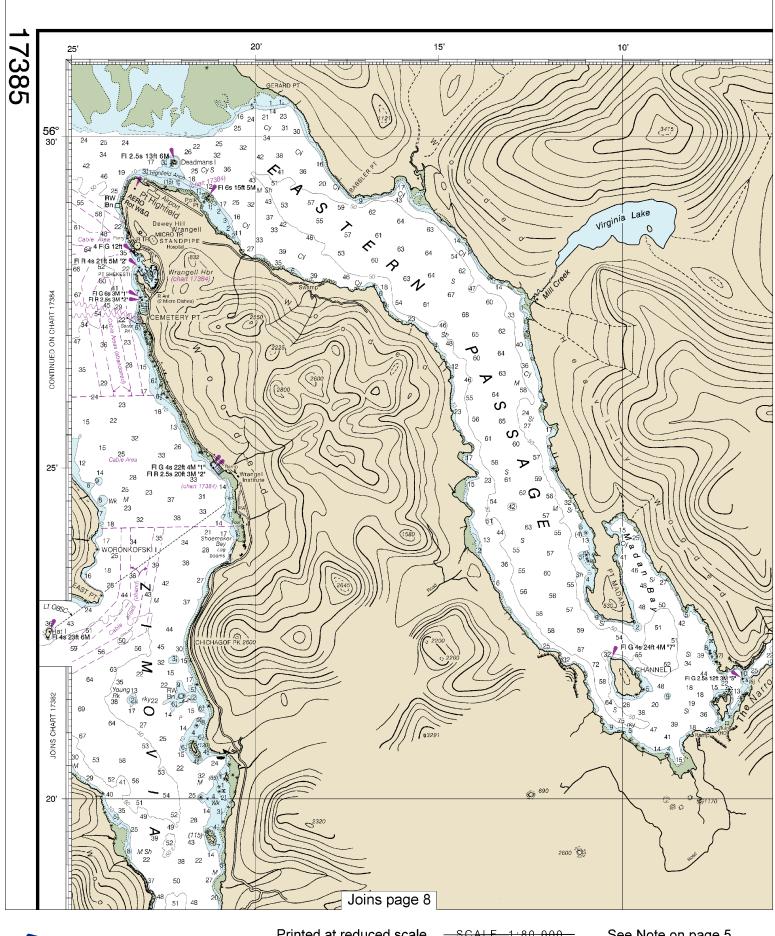
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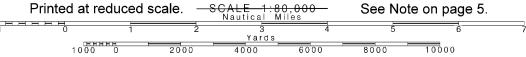
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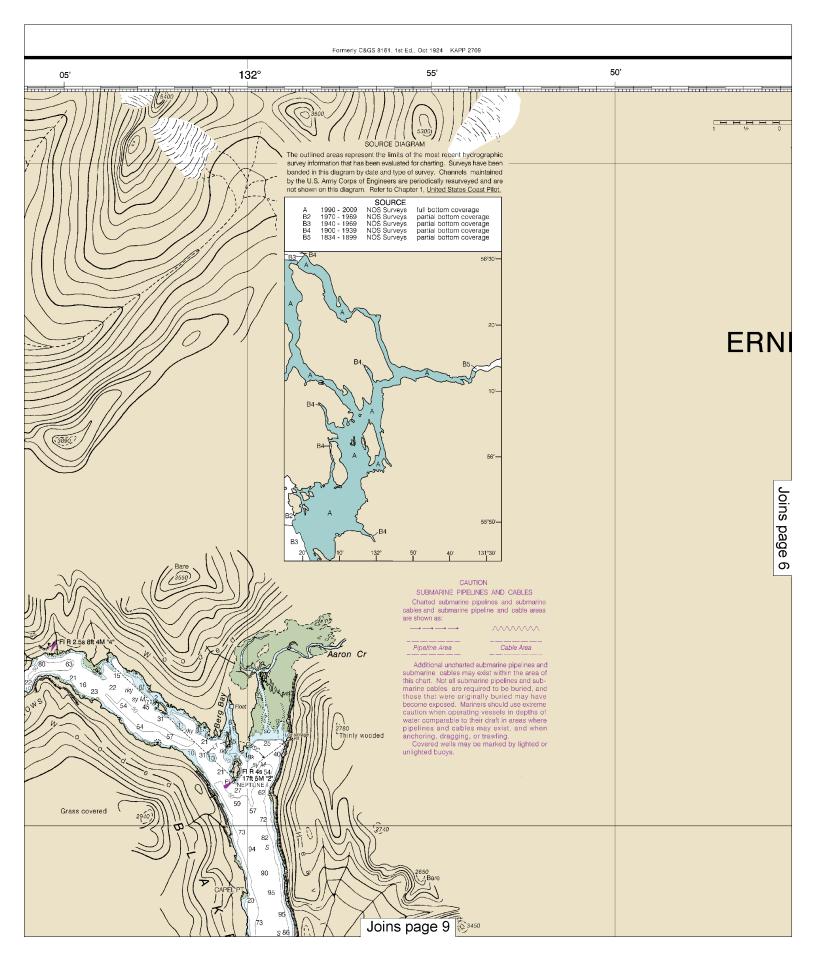
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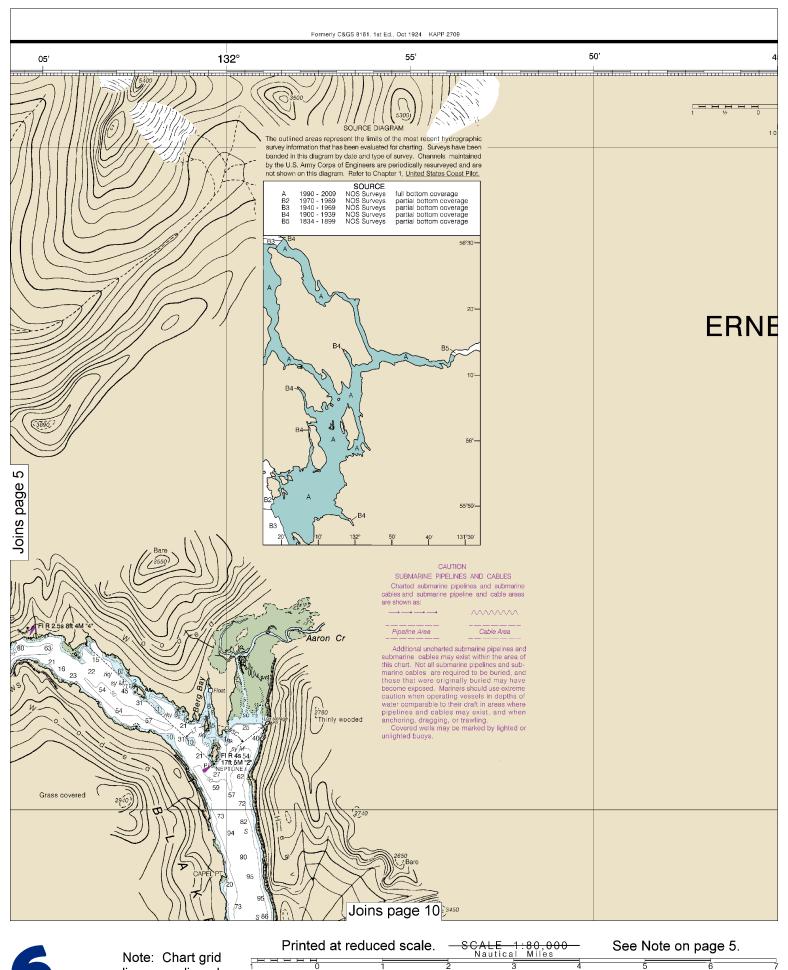






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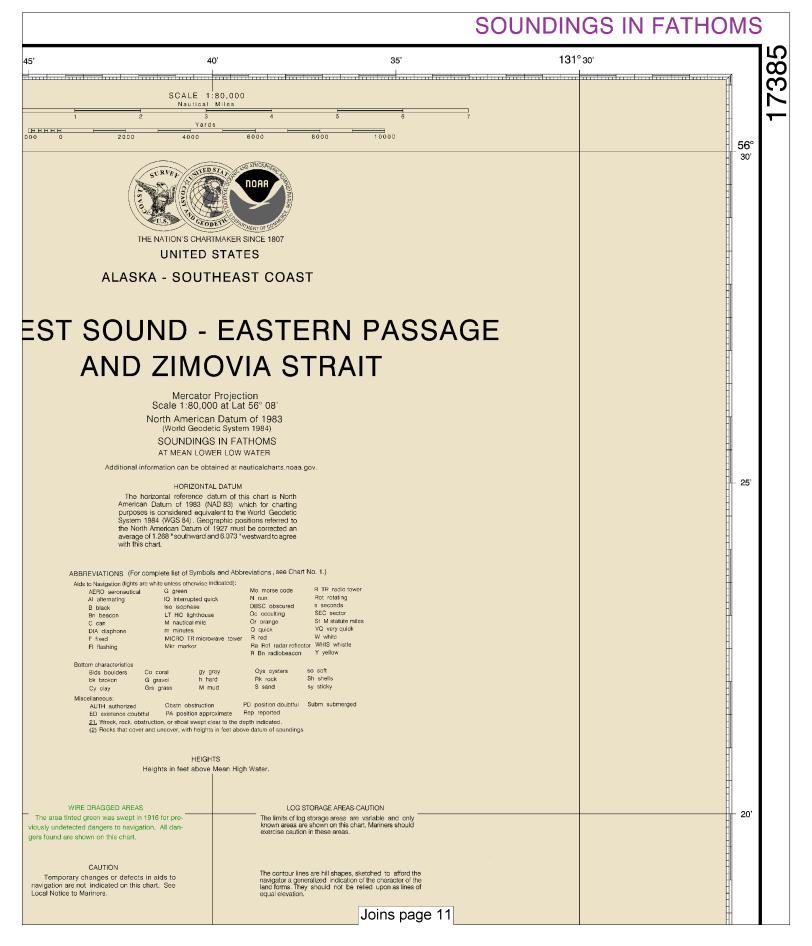


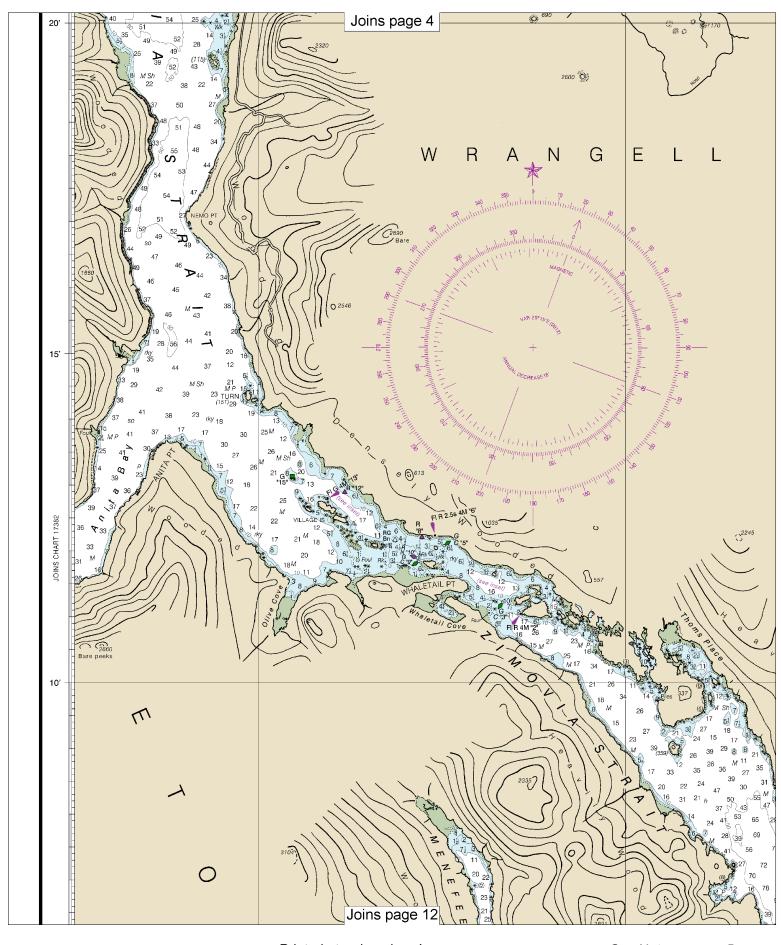




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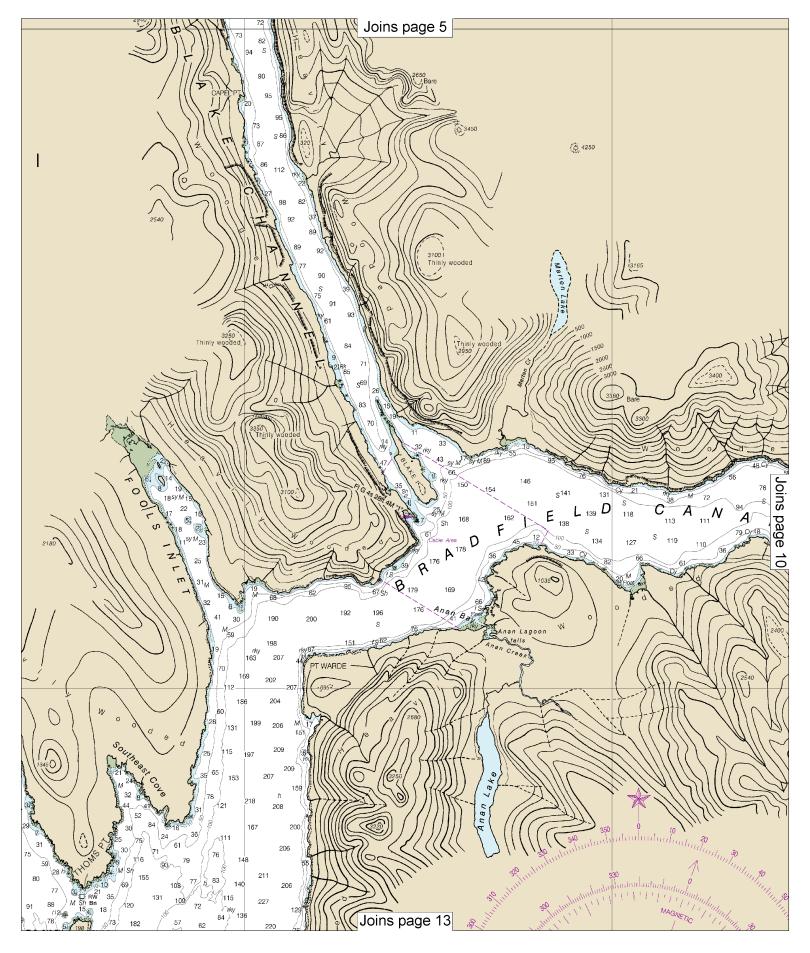




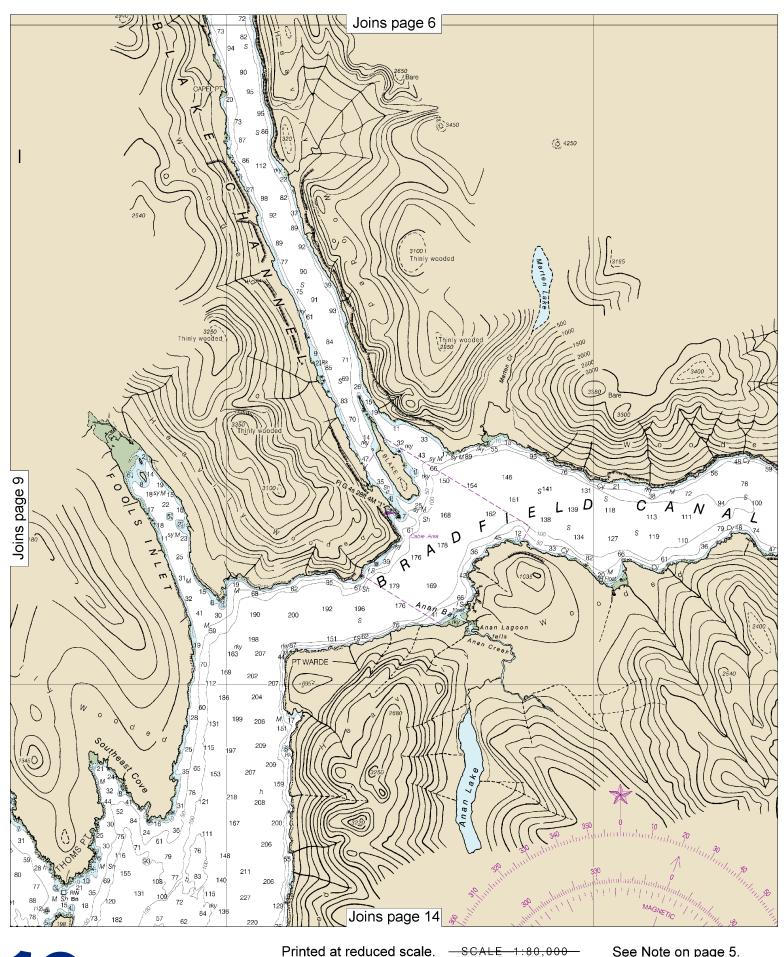




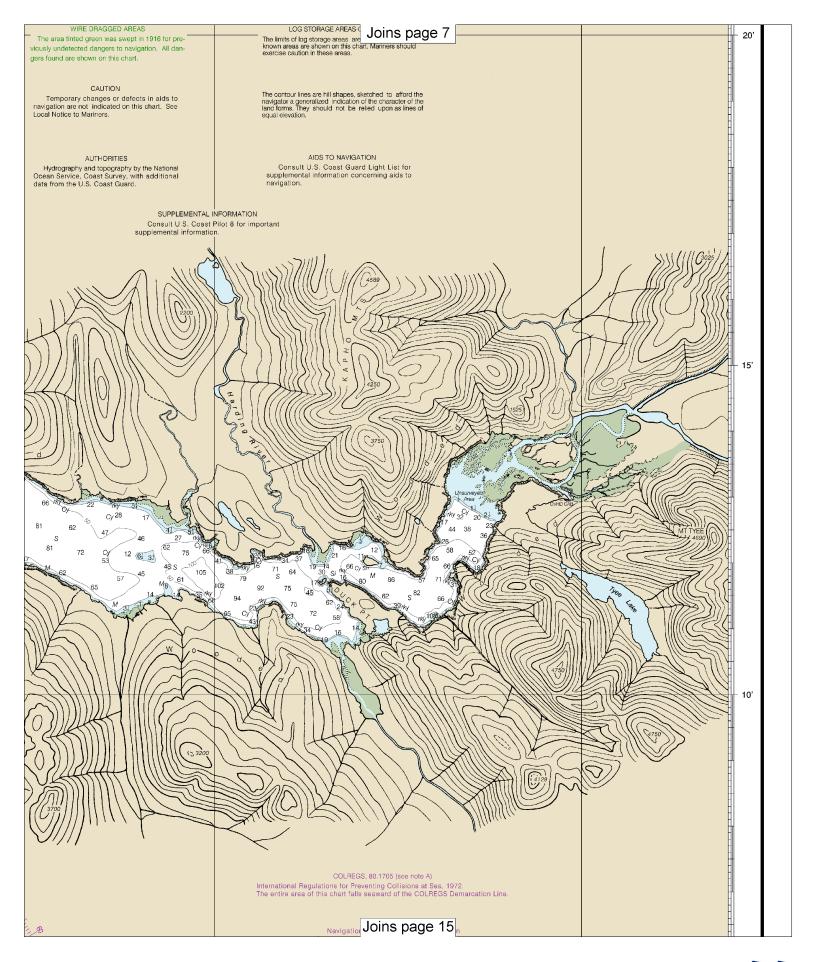


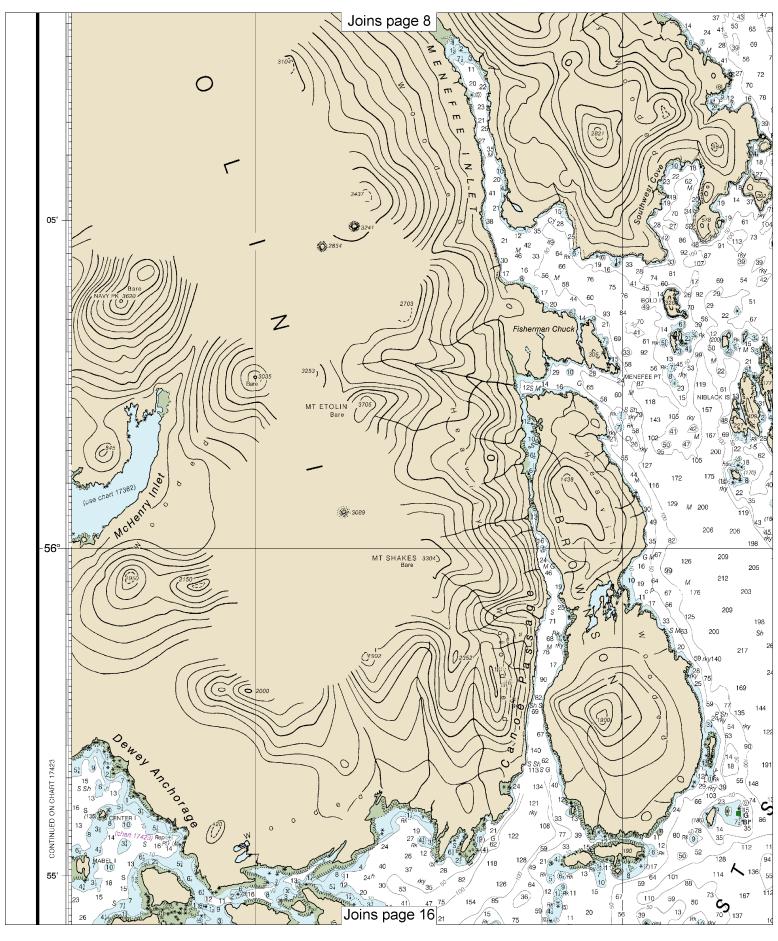




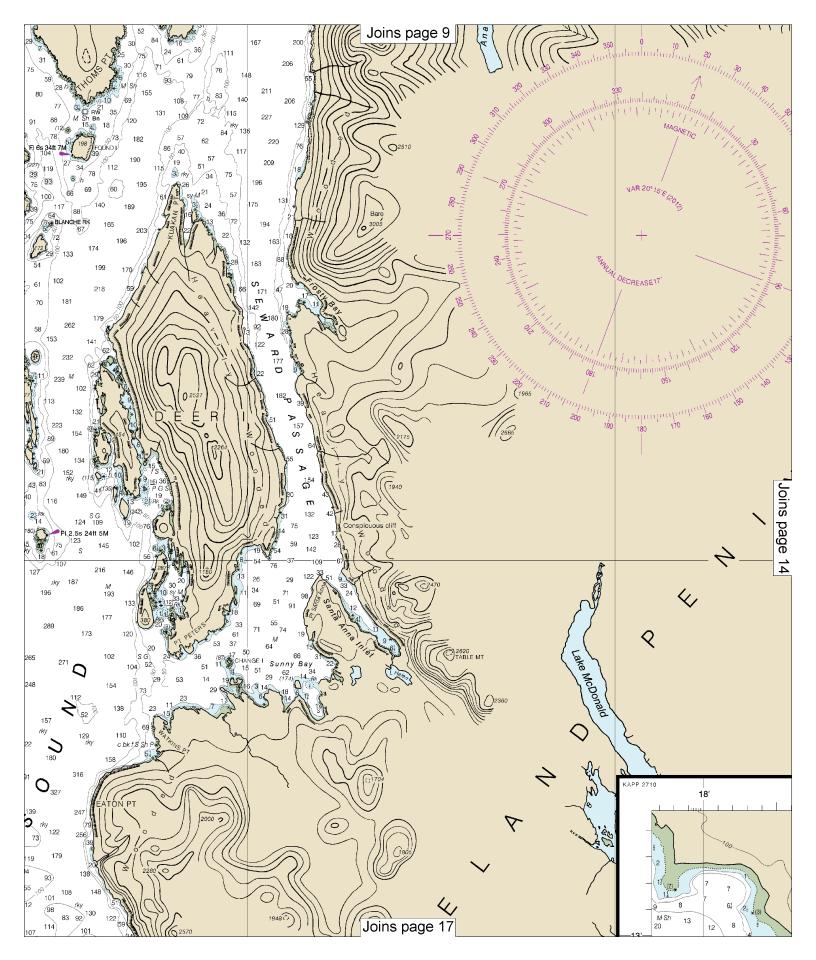


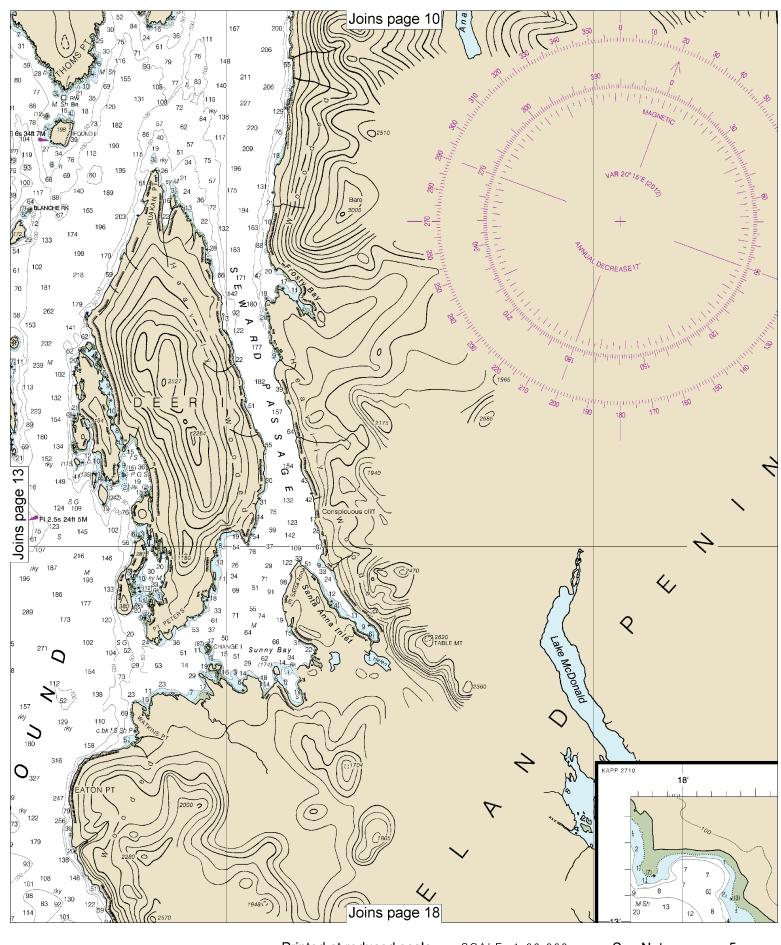




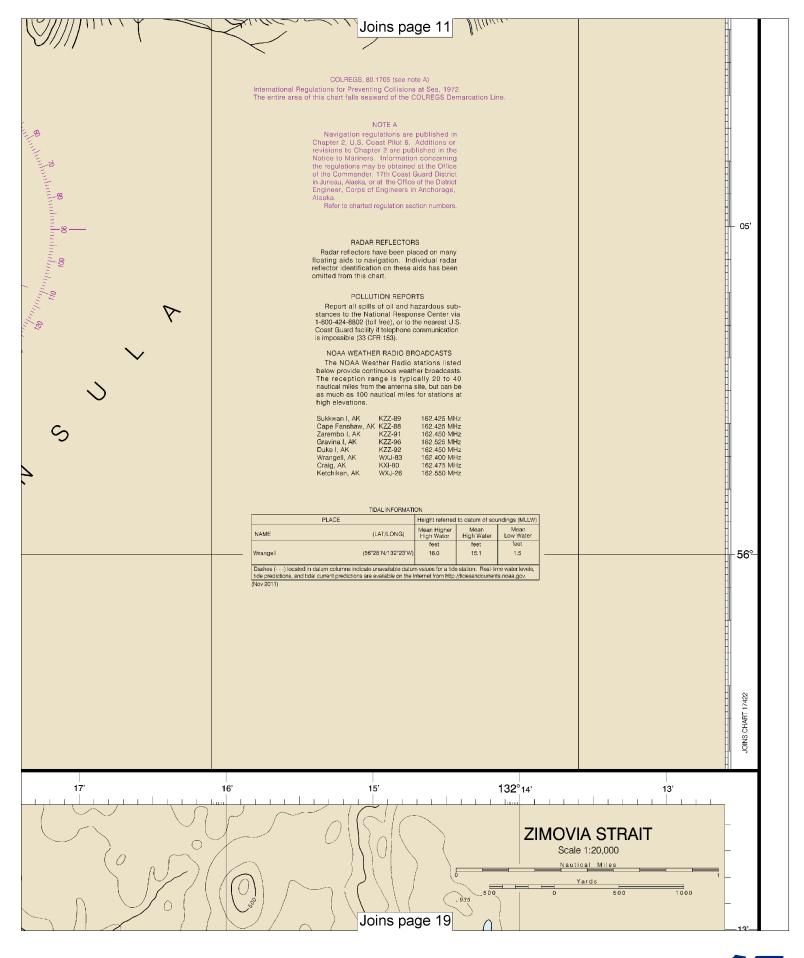


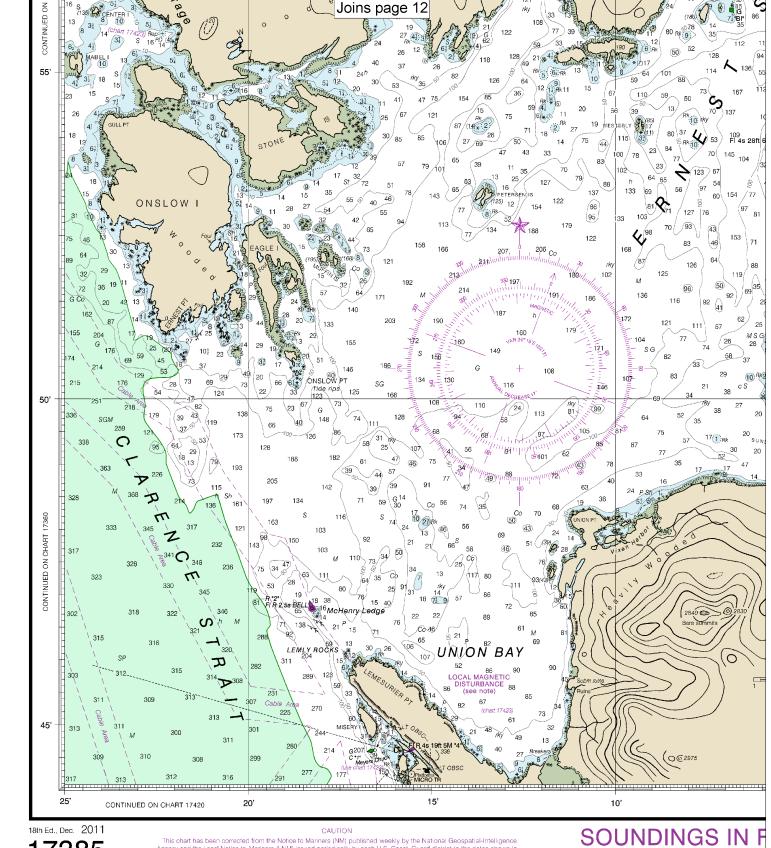








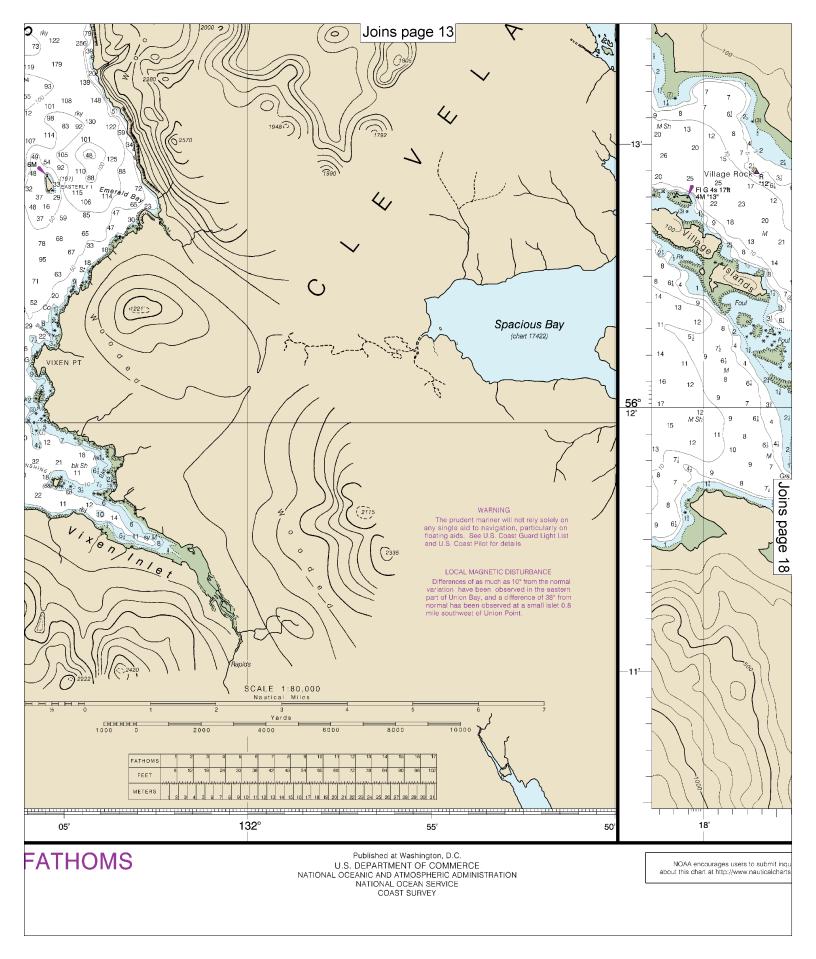


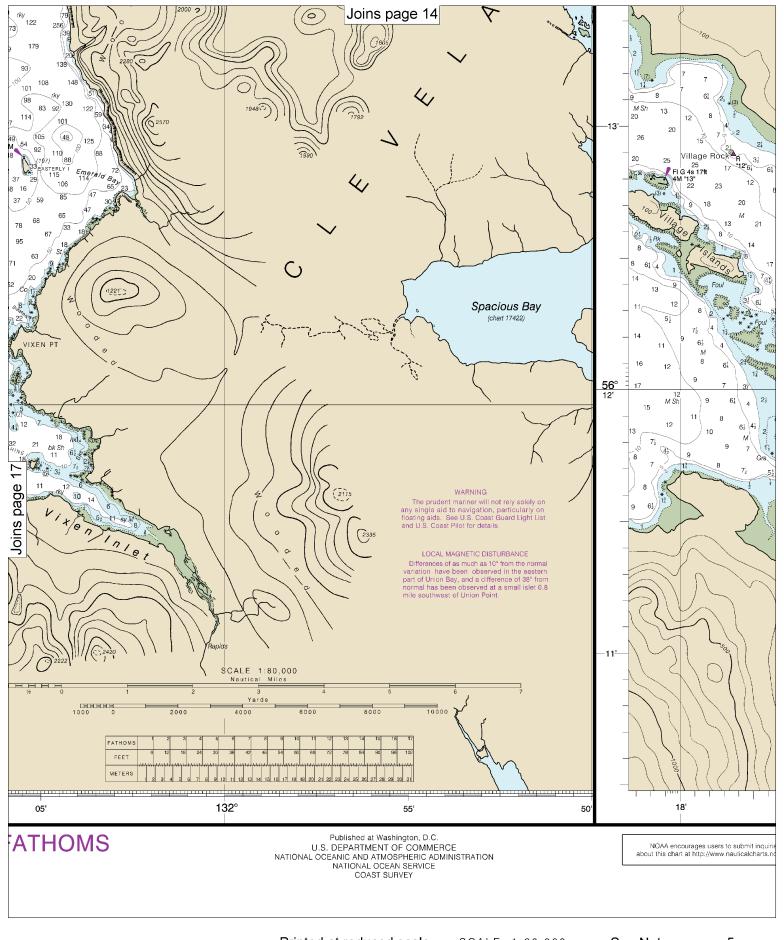


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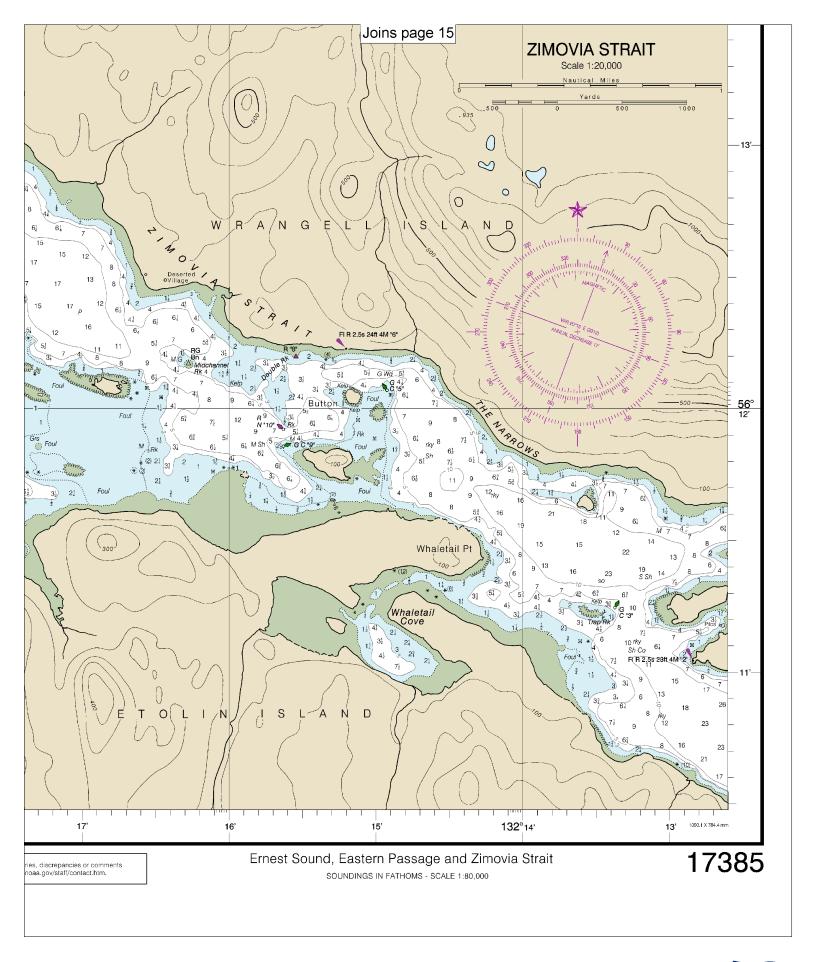
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### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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